



Governor Kim Reynolds  
Lt. Governor Adam Gregg  
San Wong, Director

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **COMMISSION ON ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS (CAPI)**

Date: February 21, 2018

Time: Noon – 1:00 PM

Location: Conference-call; public access was provided

#### **Commissioners Present:**

Ben Jung, Chair – *West Des Moines*

Peggy La – *Sioux City*

James Suong – *Des Moines*

Michelle Yoshimura-Smith – *Des Moines*

#### **Absent:**

Karlai Thornburg - *Ames*

Two commission vacancies

#### **DHR/CAS/API Staff:**

Monica Stone, DHR Deputy Director/CAS Division Administrator

Tina Shaw, Executive Officer for Office of Asian & Pacific Islander Affairs/CAS

#### **Public Attending:**

None

#### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Jung called the meeting to order at noon. Commissioners Jung, La, Suong and Yoshimura-Smith present. Thornburg absent.

#### **II. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**

Yoshimura-Smith motioned, seconded by La to approve the minutes from the 1/20/18 meeting. Unanimous consent. Motion adopted. Minutes will be posted to the DHR-CAPI website.

#### **III. 2018 – 2020 Strategic Planning – Public Policy**

Discussion followed on key areas (in no ranked order, below) for the Commission to begin defining public policy priorities and recommendations to the Governor and elected officials and serve as the work plan moving forward.

1. Voter & Civic Engagement
2. Economic & Workforce Development - Education, Training and Vocational Employment
3. Healthcare - Navigation of Medicare and Medicaid benefits, access points; Eldercare – Resource Toolkit for Caretakers and Limited English Proficient API Seniors
4. Naturalization – Citizenship Education, Resources
5. 2020 US Census

Discussion led by Chair Jung which followed with general consensus that the list of core priorities mirrored the last CAPI strategic vision conversation held in January. Commission favored timelines and tactics expressed in the proposal. Shaw asked that feedback on the draft document presented be directed to either herself or Chair Jung. The Commission will vote on the draft document, inclusive of all commissioners' changes, at the next scheduled commission meeting.

Yoshimura-Smith expressed support for the alignment with the state's Future Ready Initiative and the focus placed on employment and training. Suong stated his support for healthcare as a focused area with an emphasis on eldercare, as caregiver resources are paramount now that South East Asian Iowans represent a large segment of Iowa's aging API diaspora who often lack guidance, awareness and tools. La offered support for continuing the Commission's voter and civic engagement work, and prioritizing efforts to support Future Ready Iowa and connectivity to Iowa's healthcare system by APIs

#### **IV. Announcements & Miscellaneous**

Stone provided program information for the upcoming, annual DHR Day on the Hill taking place on March 7. Chair Jung will make remarks related to civic engagement.

#### **V. Public Comment & Community Input**

None.

#### **VI. Next CAPI meeting**

The next meeting will take place in March, at which time, a commission vote will take place on the draft multi-year CAPI policy and work plan presented at today's meeting.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

Chair Jung adjourned the meeting at 1:01 PM.